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UNI Graduate Council Minutes #963

April 13, 2007
The Graduate Council

UNI Graduate Council Minutes No. 963

Friday, April 13, 2007

Present: Etscheidt, Gilpin (for Harton), Joslyn, Jurgenson, Lynch, Marshall, Mack, Nelson, Prophet, Thompson, Waldron

Absent: Isakson (for Bowlin), Koch, Pohl, Moon

Guests: John Fecik, Chad Christopher

1. Announcements from the Chair of the Council

Thompson distributed handouts for Koch's report.

2. Approval of the Minutes from February 22, 2007

Nelson moved to approve the minutes as distributed. Motion was seconded and passed.

3. Graduate College Reports

Koch was not in attendance; however, handouts were provided for:

- Graduate Student Appreciation Week

- Annual Graduate Faculty meeting

- Third Annual Graduation Reception

- Second Carver Graduate Project: Immigrant and Minority Populations: Promoting Well-being and Integration in the New Iowa

4. Chair of the Graduate Faculty Report

Lynch encouraged members to attend the Annual Graduate Faculty meeting scheduled for April 19 at 3:30 p.m. in Seerley Hall.

5. Old Business

Report from the Taskforce on Defining Graduate Faculty Status

Dr. John Fecik, chair of the taskforce, distributed a new draft document with proposed recommendations from the taskforce on Guidelines for Graduate Faculty Status. Multiple suggestions for change have been included in the document. Nelson moved to approve the draft document and the motion was seconded. After extensive discussion, the motion passed. Nelson reminded the Council that the document must be submitted to the graduate faculty for approval before it is forwarded to the Faculty Senate.

Report from the Taskforce on Graduate Faculty Recognition

No one from the taskforce was present at the meeting; therefore, Thompson distributed copies of the Graduate Faculty Recognition Report. The taskforce report included information on types of possible awards, incentives, recognition and support for faculty. Thompson suggested the Council receive the report and have a committee develop a system of rewards/incentives next year. Nelson moved to receive the Graduate Faculty Recognition Report. The motion was seconded and passed.

6. New Business

Curriculum Proposal from the History Department

Chad Christopher from the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences was present to present the curriculum proposal for the Social Science Master's program. Joslyn stated the proposal has been unanimously approved by the Graduate College Curriculum Committee. The program is not new but has been inactive since 1994. Courses will be taught via the Iowa Communications Network and no additional faculty or resources will be requested. Fifteen students are ready to begin the program this summer. Jurgenson moved to approve the curriculum for the Social Science Master's program. Motion was seconded and passed.

New Business

Marshall questioned whether this would be the last meeting for the year. Thompson stated this would be the last meeting unless new business developed.

7. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 4:10 p.m.